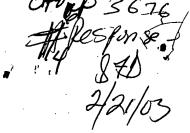


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to (1) the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002 which has been made non-final, and (2) the Office Communication mailed December 27, 2002 (copy enclosed) requesting **clean version of the amended claims** as per 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Please amend claims 9 and 10 as follows:

9. (Amended) In combination,

a door pivotally mounted in a door opening above a horizontal floor,

the door mounted/in the door opening for pivoting about a vertical axis between open and closed positions in the door opening, the door having an outer face and an opposed inner face, the door further having a lower edge proximate the floor, an elongate aperture in the floor adjacent/to the door,

a security locking device comprising:

(a) elongate bolt secured to said door so as to be slidably mounted parallel to one of said faces, said bolt being extendable into a first engaged position wherein an end portion of